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TAGS: MASS, LE IR

SUBJECT: LEBANESE REQUEST FOR ARMS FROM IRAN

REF: TEHRAN 4729

1. COURT MINISTER ALAM INFORMED AMBASSADOR JULY 17 THAT LEBANON HAD SUBMITTED REFINED REQUEST FOR ARMS AS FOLLOWS:

A. M-60 TANKS. ALAM BELIEVES THIS IS NON-STARTER BECAUSE HE UNDERSTANDS IT WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY 24 MONTHS TO REPLACE THEM IN IRANIAN INVENTORY.

B. 155MM WEAPONS WHICH ALAM DESCRIBED AS GUNS THAT ARE NOT MOUNTED BUT ARE DRAWN BY MOTOR CARRIER. ALAM SAID GOI DISPOSED TO MAKE THESE GUNS AVAILABLE TO LEBANON IF USG WILL REPLACE THEM. LEBANON DESIRES BETWEEN 18 AND 20.

C. UNSPECIFIED AMOUNTS OF SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHICH GOI CONSIDERING AND SHOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEM.

2. ALAM ALSO MENTIONED THAT CAMILLE CHAMOUN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF LEBANON, IS ARRIVING TEHRAN EVENING JULY 17 PRESUMABLY TO DISCUSS ARMS REQUEST.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER USG WILLING TO REPLACE 155MM GUNS WHICH GOI PREPARED PROVIDE LEBANON.

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